Bandana cowl

Women · US terms



Finished size

About 22¾ in (58 cm) around; about 11 in (28 cm) deep in front, from the upper edge to the tip, and 2¼ in (5.5 cm) at the back

To fit a head of 20½ to 22½ in (52 to 57 cm)

Skill

Easy

Increases at both ends of the rows, a seam and an edge of picots

Yarn

Light (3), 2 colors

Hook

4 mm (US G-6)

Gauge

17 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm)

In half double crochet.

You will need

Yarn A: brick red, main — **about 170 yd (155 m), an estimate**

Yarn B: cream, the left edge and the right edge — **about 15 yd (14 m), an estimate**

Hook: 4 mm (US G-6), or the size that gives you the gauge. Also: a yarn needle, scissors and a tape measure.

To find how many balls: divide by the length on your yarn's label and round up. Buy them from one dye lot. The estimate is from the stitches of this size at this gauge, with 15 percent added.

Sizes

Size	Head	Finished size, about	Yarn, an estimate
Child	a head of 19 to 20½ in (48 to 52 cm)	20½ in (52 cm) around, 9¾ in (25 cm) deep	about 140 yd (128 m)
Women (this file)	**a head of 20½ to 22½ in (52 to 57 cm)**	**22¾ in (58 cm) around, 11 in (28 cm) deep**	**about 185 yd (169 m)**
Men	a head of 22½ to 24½ in (57 to 62 cm)	24¾ in (63 cm) around, 12¼ in (31 cm) deep	about 225 yd (206 m)

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Abbreviations

Written in US terms. Where the UK name differs it is given beside the US one.

ch	chain stitch
sl st	slip stitch: insert hook in the place named, yo, pull through it and the loop on hook (UK ss, slip stitch)
sc	single crochet (UK dc, double crochet)
hdc	half double crochet (UK htr, half treble)
BLO	back loop only: the loop of the top farther from you
RS	right side
st	stitch
yo	yarn over (UK yrh, yarn round hook)

Special stitches

picot: Ch 3, sl st in the 3rd ch from hook. In UK terms: ch 3, ss in the 3rd ch from hook.

Gauge

17 stitches and 15 rows to 4 in (10 cm) in half double crochet.

Check it on the kerchief itself, laid flat and not stretched, when 15 rows are done: its last row has 45 stitches and is about 10½ in (27 cm) wide, and from the tip to row 15 it is about 4 in (10 cm) tall. If it measures more, start again with a smaller hook; if it measures less, with a larger one.

Before you start

- The ch 1 at the start of a row does not count as a stitch.
- Row 1 is the right side. The odd-numbered rows are worked with the right side facing you.
- "3 hdc in first st" puts all 3 stitches in that one place. Even-numbered rows have 4 stitches more than the row before, odd-numbered rows 2 more.
- In the band the back loop leaves a ridge on every second row, on both sides: the rows become ribs that run round the neck.
- In the edges, put the hook for each sc under two strands at the very end of the row. The 2 sc for a row end both go into it. After the sl st that joins the yarn, the first sc goes into the same row end.
- To join a yarn with a sl st, make a slip knot of it on the hook, put the hook in the place named, yo, and pull through the place and the loop on the hook.
- Leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) when you begin, when you join a yarn and when you fasten off, unless another length is given. The ends that are not sewn with are woven in.
- When a ball runs out, join the next at the end of a row: work the last yarn over of the last stitch with the new yarn, and leave a tail of about 6 in (15 cm) on both.
- Whip stitch: with the yarn on a yarn needle, pass the needle under two strands at the end of a row on one edge and under two strands at the end of the same row on the other edge, always from the same side, and pull the yarn through. Sew 2 or 3 times into the same place where you begin and where you end.
- The cowl goes on over the head. Measure around the head over the ears and choose the size whose range it falls in; a head that is right between two sizes takes the larger.

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Instructions

Chosen: Women. Square brackets [ ] hold a repeat: work what is inside as many times as it says. The count in round brackets at the end of a line is what that line leaves. Tick the box when a row is done. In UK terms sl st is slip stitch, sc is double crochet, hdc is half treble and yo is yarn round hook.

Kerchief

Yarn A, brick red.

☐ **Foundation**	With A, ch 2.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	3 hdc in 2nd ch from hook	**(3 hdc)**
☐ **Row 2**	Ch 1, turn; 3 hdc in first st, hdc in next st, 3 hdc in last st	**(7 hdc)**
☐ **Row 3**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in first st, hdc in next 5 sts, 2 hdc in last st	**(9 hdc)**
☐ **Row 4**	Ch 1, turn; 3 hdc in first st, hdc in next 7 sts, 3 hdc in last st	**(13 hdc)**
☐ **Row 5**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in first st, hdc in next 11 sts, 2 hdc in last st	**(15 hdc)**
☐ **Row 6**	Ch 1, turn; 3 hdc in first st, hdc in next 13 sts, 3 hdc in last st	**(19 hdc)**
☐ **Row 7**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in first st, hdc in next 17 sts, 2 hdc in last st	**(21 hdc)**
☐ **Row 8**	Ch 1, turn; 3 hdc in first st, hdc in next 19 sts, 3 hdc in last st	**(25 hdc)**
☐ **Row 9**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in first st, hdc in next 23 sts, 2 hdc in last st	**(27 hdc)**
☐ **Row 10**	Ch 1, turn; 3 hdc in first st, hdc in next 25 sts, 3 hdc in last st	**(31 hdc)**
☐ **Row 11**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in first st, hdc in next 29 sts, 2 hdc in last st	**(33 hdc)**
☐ **Row 12**	Ch 1, turn; 3 hdc in first st, hdc in next 31 sts, 3 hdc in last st	**(37 hdc)**
☐ **Row 13**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in first st, hdc in next 35 sts, 2 hdc in last st	**(39 hdc)**
☐ **Row 14**	Ch 1, turn; 3 hdc in first st, hdc in next 37 sts, 3 hdc in last st	**(43 hdc)**
☐ **Row 15**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in first st, hdc in next 41 sts, 2 hdc in last st	**(45 hdc)**
☐ **Row 16**	Ch 1, turn; 3 hdc in first st, hdc in next 43 sts, 3 hdc in last st	**(49 hdc)**
☐ **Row 17**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in first st, hdc in next 47 sts, 2 hdc in last st	**(51 hdc)**
☐ **Row 18**	Ch 1, turn; 3 hdc in first st, hdc in next 49 sts, 3 hdc in last st	**(55 hdc)**
☐ **Row 19**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in first st, hdc in next 53 sts, 2 hdc in last st	**(57 hdc)**
☐ **Row 20**	Ch 1, turn; 3 hdc in first st, hdc in next 55 sts, 3 hdc in last st	**(61 hdc)**
☐ **Row 21**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in first st, hdc in next 59 sts, 2 hdc in last st	**(63 hdc)**
☐ **Row 22**	Ch 1, turn; 3 hdc in first st, hdc in next 61 sts, 3 hdc in last st	**(67 hdc)**
☐ **Row 23**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in first st, hdc in next 65 sts, 2 hdc in last st	**(69 hdc)**
☐ **Row 24**	Ch 1, turn; 3 hdc in first st, hdc in next 67 sts, 3 hdc in last st	**(73 hdc)**
☐ **Row 25**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in first st, hdc in next 71 sts, 2 hdc in last st	**(75 hdc)**
☐ **Row 26**	Ch 1, turn; 3 hdc in first st, hdc in next 73 sts, 3 hdc in last st	**(79 hdc)**

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☐ **Row 27**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in first st, hdc in next 77 sts, 2 hdc in last st	**(81 hdc)**
☐ **Row 28**	Ch 1, turn; 3 hdc in first st, hdc in next 79 sts, 3 hdc in last st	**(85 hdc)**
☐ **Row 29**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in first st, hdc in next 83 sts, 2 hdc in last st	**(87 hdc)**
☐ **Row 30**	Ch 1, turn; 3 hdc in first st, hdc in next 85 sts, 3 hdc in last st	**(91 hdc)**
☐ **Row 31**	Ch 1, turn; 2 hdc in first st, hdc in next 89 sts, 2 hdc in last st	**(93 hdc)**
☐ **Row 32**	Ch 1, turn; 3 hdc in first st, hdc in next 91 sts, 3 hdc in last st	**(97 hdc)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Band

Yarn A, brick red.

Hold the kerchief with its right side facing you and its last row at the top. The first st is the one at the right-hand corner.

☐ **Foundation**	Work along the last row of the Kerchief, right side facing: 97 sts.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Join A with sl st in first st, ch 1, hdc in BLO of each st across	**(97 hdc)**
☐ **Rows 2 to 8**	Ch 1, turn; hdc in BLO of each st across	**(97 hdc)**

A box for each row, 2 to 8: tick them off as you go.

☐ 2 ☐ 3 ☐ 4 ☐ 5 ☐ 6 ☐ 7 ☐ 8

☐ **End**	Fasten off, leaving a tail of about 20 in (51 cm) to sew with.	

Left edge

Yarn B, cream.

Right side facing, begin at the end of row 32, the last row of the kerchief, below the band, and work down to the tip. The last picot stands at the tip.

☐ **Foundation**	Work along the ends of the rows on the left of the Kerchief, right side facing: 32 row ends.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Join B with sl st in end of next row, ch 1, **[**2 sc in end of next row, picot, 2 sc in end of next row**] 16 times**, picot	**(64 sc, 17 picots)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

Right edge

Yarn B, cream.

Right side facing, begin at the tip, at the end of row 1, and work up to the end of row 32, the last row of the kerchief, below the band.

☐ **Foundation**	Work along the ends of the rows on the right of the Kerchief, right side facing: 32 row ends.	
☐ **Row 1 (RS)**	Join B with sl st in end of next row, ch 1, **[**2 sc in end of next row, picot, 2 sc in end of next row**] 16 times**	**(64 sc, 16 picots)**
☐ **End**	Fasten off.	

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Assembly

1. Tip: with the end of B where the left edge stops, take 1 stitch into the first sc of the right edge, so that the edging is closed below the last picot. Then weave in all the ends but the long tail of the band.

2. Fold the piece in half with the right side inside, so that the two short ends of the band meet, the last row to the last row and row 1 to row 1. With the long tail, whip stitch the two ends together, 2 stitches to each row, from the last row of the band down to its row 1: 16 stitches. Below the band take 1 more stitch through both corners of the last row of the kerchief. Fasten off, weave in the tail, and turn the right side out. The two edges of the kerchief stay open below the seam: they fall away from it to the tip in front.

Finishing

- All the ends are woven in as you put it together.
- Wet the cowl, lay it flat with the tip to a point and the picots pulled out, and let it dry.

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